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SUBJECT: CHIANG CHING

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1. SEVERAL DIPLOMATS WHO ATTENDED SEPT 5 BANQUET FOR SIHANOUK HAVE MENTIONED TO US THAT CHIANG CHING, WHO SEEMED TO BE WEARING MAKE-UP, INCLUDING LIPSTICK, WAS AT GREAT PAINS AT THE DINNER TO INSURE THAT HER PRESENCE WAS THOROUGHLY NOTED, ENGAGING IN FREQUENT TOASTING AND BEING OTHERWISE QUITE VISIBLY ACTIVE.

2. NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR HARLAND TELLS US THAT HE HAD NOTED AT THE WELCOMING BANQUET FOR KIM IL SUNG IN APRIL THAT CHIANG CHING NOT ONLY WAS ACTIVE BUT ALSO SEEMED TO BE DOWNING A FORMIDABLE AMOUNT OF MAOTAI. HARLAND AND OTHERS REPORT THAT AT THE SIHANOUK BANQUET CHIANG CHING WAS DOING THE SAME, AFTER EACH TOAST OSTENTATIONOUSLY DISPLAYING HER UPSIDE-DOWN GLASS. CHIANG, AT ONE POINT VAINLY HAVING SOUGHT TO ENLIST KHIEU SAMPHAN AS A DRINKING PARTNER, WAS GOOD-HUMOREDLY RESCUED BY SIHANOUK.
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